Census 2011 Summary

Vale of White Horse

Including Abingdon, Wantage, Faringdon and Grove

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Vale of White Horse District Council

The 2011 Census

The national Census was carried out on 27 March 2011 and the results were released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) from mid-2012 onwards.

Data from the Census survey gives an in-depth picture of the local population, housing, living arrangements and employment and is used by communities and public sector agencies to help plan local services.

Completing the Census form was mandatory and an estimated 97%[1] of the households in Vale of White Horse district completed their questionnaire on paper or the internet (across England the return rate was 95%).

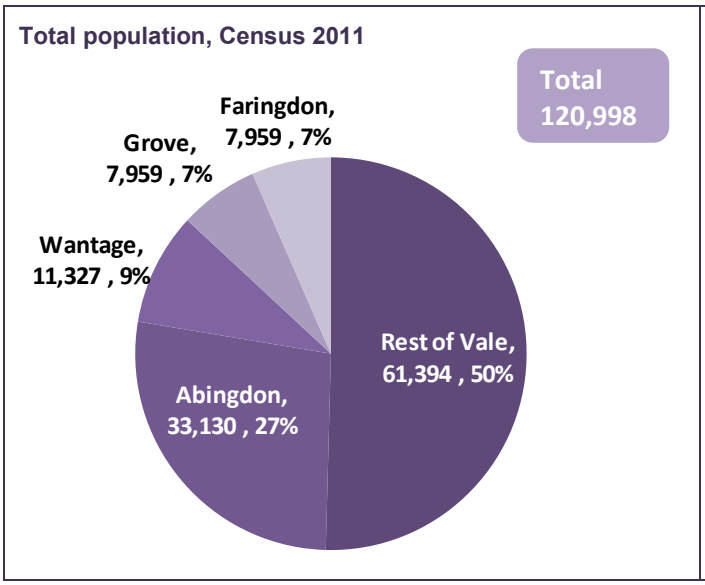
This leaflet provides a summary of the main findings of the 2011 Census survey for Vale of White Horse district and for the main settlements of Abingdon, Wantage, Grove and Faringdon. Note that the majority of this publication uses ward data and Faringdon ward includes the parishes of Great and Little Coxwell.

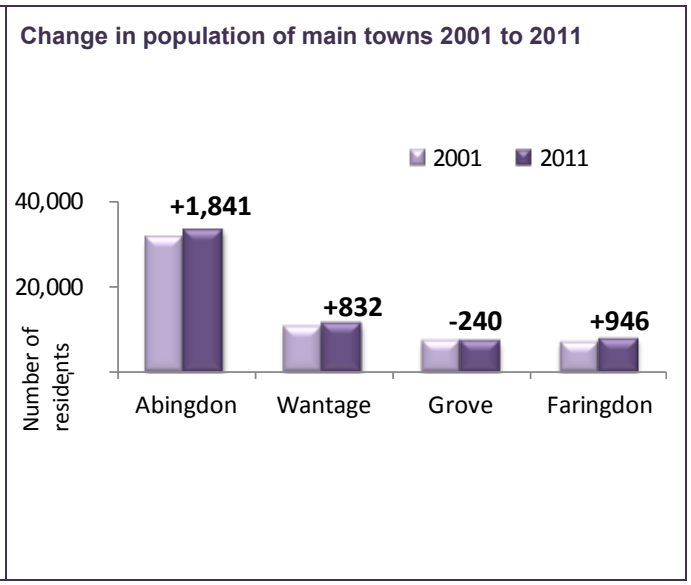
Further local area Census data is available for parishes, electoral wards and for smaller geographic areas including output areas (covering an average of 150 households) and super output areas (of up to 1,200 households). See *Finding out more* at the end of this leaflet.

Who we are – the population of Vale of White Horse

As of March 2011, there were **121,000** people living in Vale of White Horse district. This was up from the total of 115,600 residents at the time of the last Census survey in 2001, **an increase of around 5,300 (+5%)**.

The largest settlement in the district is Abingdon with just over 33,000 residents (see below). Abingdon has grown by over 1,800 people since 2001.





Source: ONS Census 2001 table KS01, Census 2011 table KS101 ; data for towns is the sum of wards (see note at the end of this leaflet)
Note that throughout this publication, Faringdon = Faringdon and the Coxwells ward

The size of the group aged 65 and over has increased significantly. From 1981 to 2011, the total population in Vale of White Horse increased by 18% (+18,400) while, within the same timescale, the population aged 65+ increased by 72% (+9,200).

In 2011, 3,000 people in Vale of White Horse were aged 85 and over representing 2.5% of the total population. This was above the national average of 2.2%.

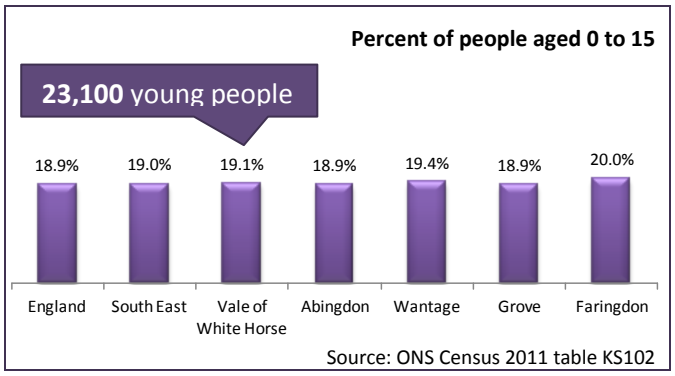
[1] ONS 2011 Census: Census response, return and coverage rates

Who we are – in summary

Young people

As of March 2011, Vale of White Horse district had a similar proportion of people aged 0 to 15 (19.1%) compared with the regional and national averages.

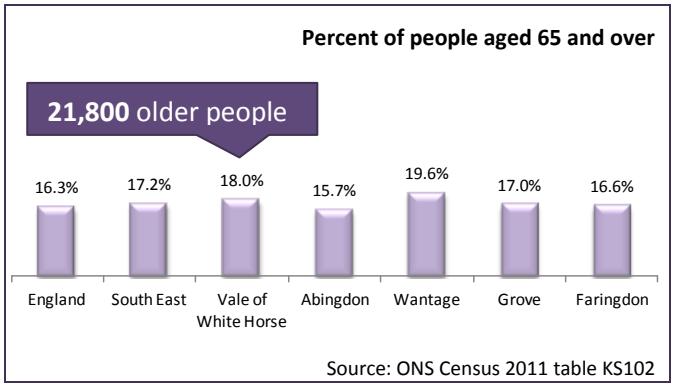
The proportion of young people living in the main settlements was similar to the district average.



Older people

The proportion of older people (65 and over) in Vale of White Horse was above average at 18.0%. The national average was 16.3%.

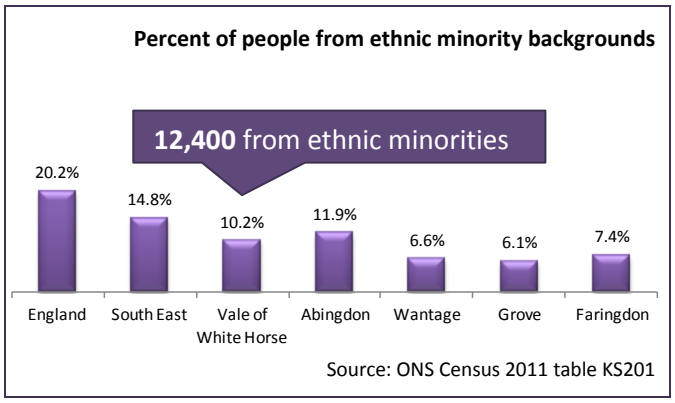
Abingdon had a below average proportion of older people and Wantage was above average. Grove and Faringdon were similar to the national average.



People from ethnic minority backgrounds

Vale of White Horse district had a relatively low proportion of residents from an ethnic minority (non-white British) background at the time of the census.

The largest ethnic minority group was 'other white' which made up almost half (42%) of the total ethnic minority population in Vale of White Horse.



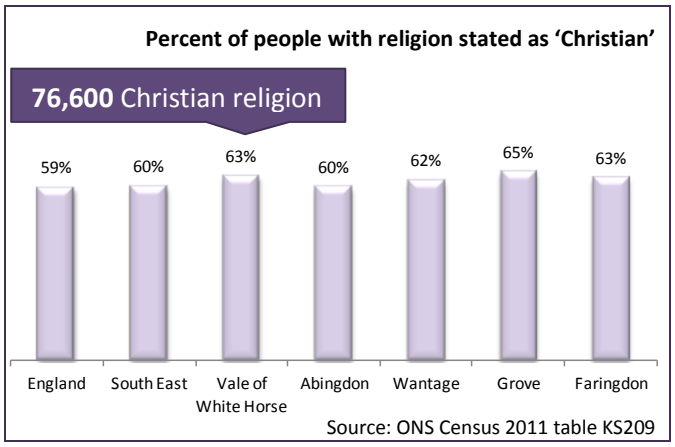
There were 12,300 people resident in Vale of White Horse as of March 2011 who were born outside the UK. Around 5,700 of these were from other European countries including Germany (1,190), Ireland (760) and Poland (670).

Religion

The largest religious group remains Christian with 76,600 residents or 63% of the population of Vale of White Horse.

The next largest group, over one quarter (27%), are those with 'no religion'. This was just above the national average of 25%.

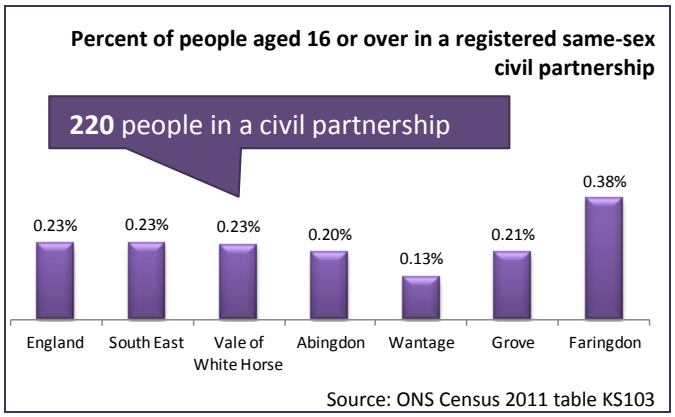
In Vale of White Horse, 2% of the population chose to state a minority religion with Muslim the largest group (1% of the total population).



Marital status

At the time of the Census, Vale of White Horse district had 55% residents who were married. This was above the national average of 47%.

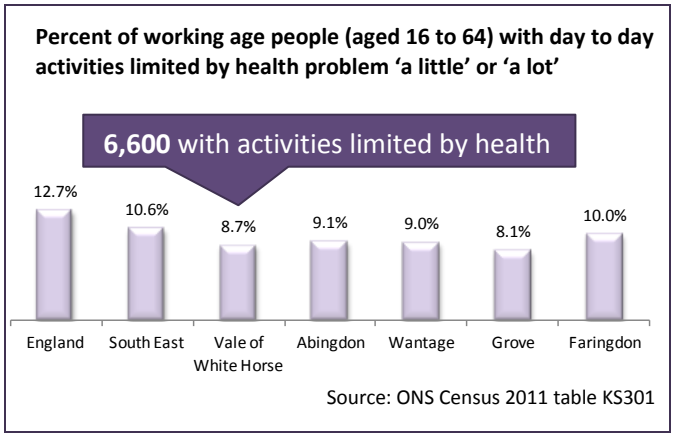
There were 220 people (0.2%) in a registered same-sex civil partnership in the district.



Working age people with activities limited by health

The working age population in Vale of White Horse is comparatively healthy with 8.7% of people aged 16 to 64 stating that their day-to-day activities were limited by a long term health problem or disability compared with 13% nationally.

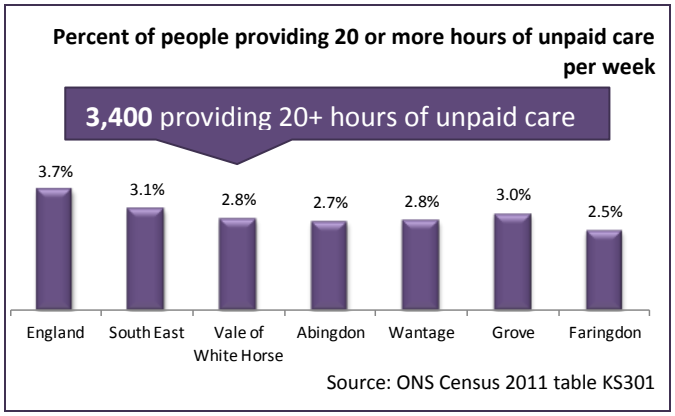
Abingdon, Wantage and Faringdon were just above the district average – i.e. having a less healthy working population than the district as a whole.



People providing unpaid care

There were 3,400 people in Vale of White Horse providing a significant amount of unpaid care (20 or more hours per week).

This represents 2.8% of the population, below the regional and national averages.



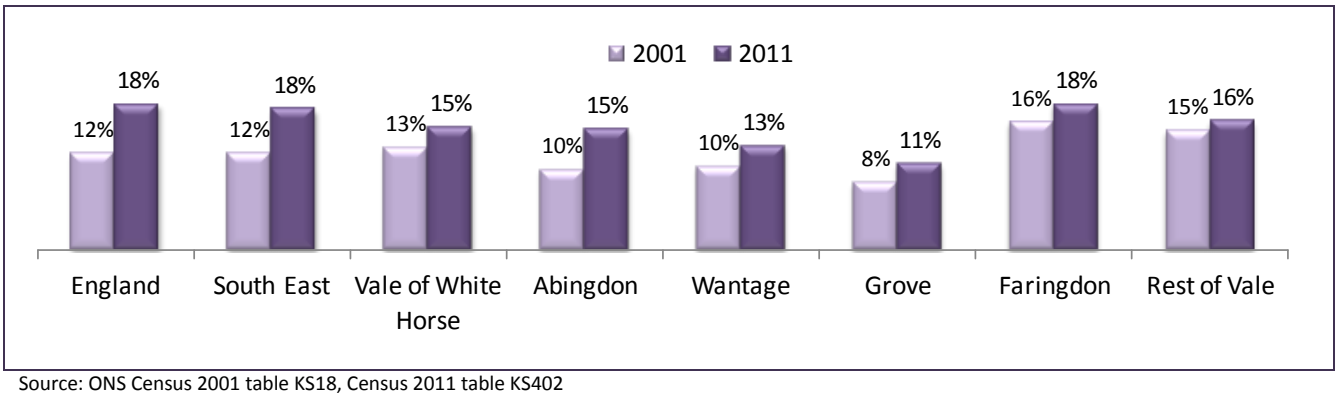
How we live – housing and living arrangements

As of March 2011, there were **49,400** households with at least one resident in Vale of White Horse district. This was up from the total of 45,800 occupied households in 2001, an increase of 3,650 (+8%).

There was an above average rate of owner occupation with 70% of households in Vale of White Horse either fully owned or owned with a mortgage. This was above the national average of 63%.

There has been an increase in the number of households that are rented privately, from 13% of the total in 2001 to 15% in 2011.

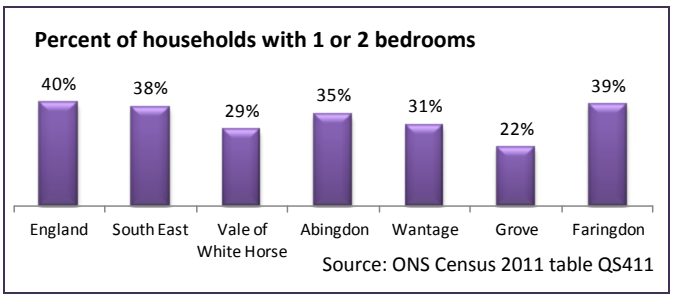
Percent of households that are rented privately 2001 to 2011



Source: ONS Census 2001 table KS18, Census 2011 table KS402

Information about number of bedrooms was included for the first time in this Census survey.

Vale of White Horse had a lower than average rate of households with 1 or 2 bedrooms, 29% compared with 40% nationally.



Between 2001 and 2011, Vale of White Horse saw a slight increase in households occupied by pensioners living alone, unlike the national trend (+4% compared with -7% nationally). At the same time there was an increase in lone parent households with dependent children (+26%).

Vale of White Horse– number of households	2001	2011	2001 to 2011		*England*
Pensioner living alone	5,738	5,947	209	4%	*-7%*
Lone parent with dependent children	1,890	2,379	489	26%	*+20%*

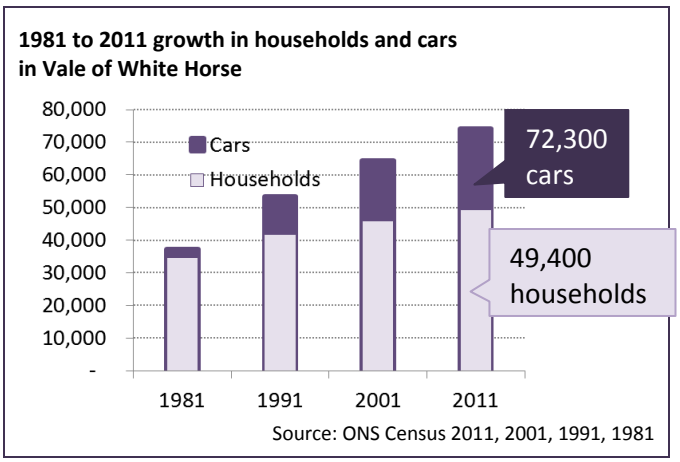
Source: ONS Census 2001 table KS20, Census 2011 table KS105

Car ownership

Over the past 30 years, between 1981 and 2011, the number of households in Vale of White Horse increased by 42% while the number of cars owned by residents increased by 99%.

The number of cars per household increased from 1.07 in 1981 to 1.50 in 2011.

The rate of 1.50 cars per household in Vale of White Horse is above the national average of 1.16.

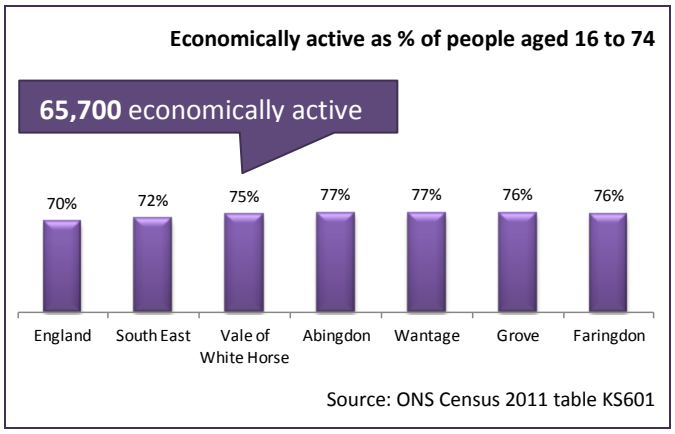


What we do – economic activity and employment

Economic activity

In Vale of White Horse, 75% of residents aged 16 to 74 were economically active (including full and part time employees, self-employed and unemployed)

This was above the national rate of 70%.

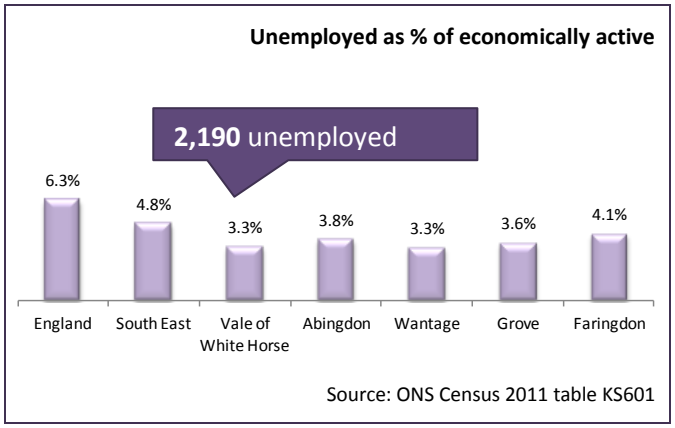


Unemployment

Unemployment in Vale of White Horse at the time of the 2011 Census was around half of the national average. Of the economically active population in Vale of White Horse, 3.3% were unemployed compared with 6.3% nationally.

Unemployment in Abingdon and Faringdon was above the district average.

Of the 2,190 unemployed in March 2011, 27% (592 people) were in the age group 16 to 24. This was just below the national average of 28%.

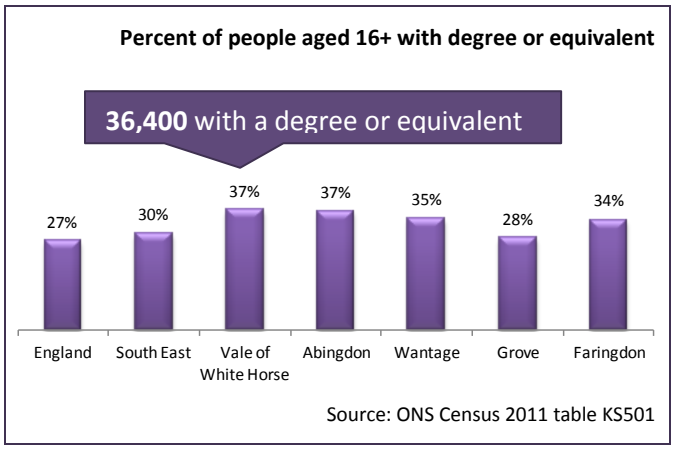


Qualifications

People in Vale of White Horse are relatively well qualified.

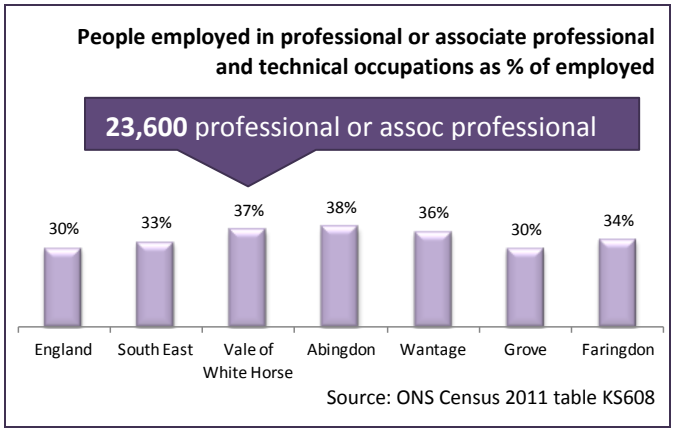
Over a third (37%) of people aged 16+ **had a degree or equivalent** in Vale of White Horse district. This was well above the national average of 27%.

Just over 16,000 residents (17%) aged 16 and over in Vale of White Horse had **no qualifications**, below the England average of 22%.



Occupation

An above average proportion of residents of Vale of White Horse were employed in professional or associate professional and technical occupations (37% compared with 30% nationally).



Population by parish 2001 and 2011

Vale of White Horse district

	All residents		Residents living in households		Occupied household spaces		*Area (Hectares)*	People per hectare
	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011		2011
Vale of White Horse	115,627	120,988	112,442	118,044	45,759	49,407	57,762	2.09
Abingdon	31,289	33,130	31,000	32,831	12,764	14,040	909	36.45
Appleford-on-Thames	359	350	359	350	138	147	297	1.18
Appleton-with-Eaton	897	915	897	915	369	371	838	1.09
Ardington	284	301	284	301	131	135	1,089	0.28
Ashbury	495	506	492	506	206	217	2,247	0.23
Baulking	114	107	114	107	40	41	638	0.17
Blewbury	1,528	1,581	1,528	1,581	693	714	1,717	0.92
Bourton	320	326	309	278	124	122	551	0.59
Buckland	553	588	548	582	223	233	1,823	0.32
Buscot	176	173	176	173	79	76	1,158	0.15
Charney Bassett	326	314	326	313	137	140	909	0.35
Childrey	510	582	510	582	202	217	1,186	0.49
Chilton	838	894	838	889	331	361	587	1.52
Coleshill	163	156	163	156	70	75	823	0.19
Cumnor	5,503	5,755	5,436	5,677	2,236	2,368	2,195	2.62
Denchworth	154	171	154	171	71	75	420	0.41
Drayton	2,218	2,353	2,218	2,353	896	958	1,070	2.20
East Challow	770	769	770	769	310	313	635	1.21
East Hanney	746	748	746	748	313	334	889	0.84
East Hendred	1,092	1,116	1,092	1,116	411	442	1,294	0.86
Fernham	208	244	195	244	80	96	411	0.59
Frilford	212	235	212	235	84	87	464	0.51
Fyfield and Tubney	540	489	540	489	202	204	1,110	0.44
Garford	186	229	186	229	73	88	746	0.31
Goosey	140	135	140	135	46	51	392	0.34
Great Coxwell	355	365	355	365	140	155	1,302	0.28
Great Faringdon	6,187	7,121	6,130	7,034	2,627	3,013	1,429	4.98
Grove	7,418	7,178	7,415	7,178	2,841	2,918	997	7.20
Harwell	2,354	2,349	2,338	2,336	977	979	1,013	2.32
Hatford	155	164	155	164	57	59	1,069	0.15
Hinton Waldrist	333	328	333	328	134	134	813	0.40
Kennington	3,881	4,076	3,779	4,040	1,580	1,697	498	8.18
Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor	2,269	2,349	2,247	2,346	868	935	1,255	1.87
Kingston Lisle	249	225	249	217	97	95	825	0.27
Letcombe Bassett	170	148	170	148	67	69	660	0.22
Letcombe Regis	548	578	548	525	217	237	901	0.64
Little Coxwell	132	144	132	144	62	67	273	0.53
Littleworth	203	239	203	239	77	97	955	0.25
Lockinge	179	183	179	183	76	74	1,523	0.12
Longcot	574	617	574	617	220	232	764	0.81
Longworth	534	566	534	566	209	218	547	1.03
Marcham	1,811	1,905	1,604	1,684	647	699	1,018	1.87

Milton	1,206	1,290	1,164	1,245	456	488	592	2.18
North Hinksey	4,316	4,535	4,006	4,276	1,713	1,827	296	15.32
Radley	2,774	2,835	2,125	2,194	932	1,002	1,070	2.65
Shellingford	157	173	157	173	66	76	712	0.24
Shrivenham	2,352	2,347	2,157	2,217	878	934	1,069	2.20
South Hinksey	383	393	383	393	152	146	343	1.15
Sparsholt	262	297	262	297	111	128	1,347	0.22
St. Helen Without	3,002	3,165	2,303	2,449	865	864	1,154	2.74
Stanford in the Vale	1,824	2,093	1,777	2,059	735	855	515	4.06
Steventon	1,502	1,485	1,502	1,485	617	648	971	1.53
Sunningwell	891	904	850	866	349	353	495	1.83
Sutton Courtenay	2,413	2,421	2,410	2,419	931	1,007	834	2.90
Uffington	715	783	715	783	287	315	1,185	0.66
Upton	414	421	414	421	169	166	572	0.74
Wantage	10,495	11,327	10,104	11,106	4,064	4,717	1,155	9.81
Watchfield	2,222	1,702	2,209	1,702	782	641	615	2.77
West Challow	184	184	184	184	73	74	433	0.42
West Hanney	496	490	496	490	208	216	539	0.91
West Hendred	385	386	385	386	141	142	811	0.48
Woolstone	190	210	190	210	80	80	1,517	0.14
Wootton	..	2,709	..	2,709	..	1,087	572	4.74
Wytham	131	136	131	136	64	58	725	0.19

Source: ONS Census 2001 and Census 2011, downloaded from Neighbourhood Statistics. Tables: KS01. KS101. KS16, KS401,

National Statistics policy is that estimates published for any geographical area are aggregations of whole output areas, the lowest geographical level for which census estimates are produced. This ensures that estimates can be released for any area which contains at least one output area, and contains the minimum population to ensure confidentiality (100 persons and 40 households). Some parishes in Vale of White Horse district have a very small population and have been assigned to a corresponding output area.

Finding out more

Census 2011: includes datasets, analysis, guidance and the background to the census survey	www.ons.gov.uk/census
Neighbourhood Statistics: Office for National Statistics website providing access to local ward and parish data	www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk
Nomis: access to ONS population data and surveys, also publishes benefits data from Dept of Work and Pensions and employment data	www.nomisweb.co.uk
Insight Oxfordshire: providing local intelligence for Oxfordshire	www.insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk
Data4nr: site providing links to datasets published on government and statistics websites. Includes a comprehensive search function.	www.data4nr.net

Note

Data for towns in this leaflet is a sum of ward level data:

Abingdon: Abingdon Abbey and Barton, Abingdon Caldecott, Abingdon Dunmore, Abingdon Fitzharris, Abingdon Northcourt, Abingdon Ock Meadow, Abingdon Peachcroft

Wantage: Wantage Charlton, Wantage Segsbury

Grove: Grove ward

Faringdon: Faringdon and the Coxwells

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